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SUBJECT: VOA AND USICA PERSONNEL ATTACKED IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST WESTERN

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

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1. ON NIGHT SEPTEMBER 8, PRAGUE'S FIRST TELEVISION STATION
REBROADCAST THE AUGUST 10 PROGRAM IN WHICH IT LINKS VOA, USICA
AND FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS, WARNER AND KINZER, (WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY
STATIONED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA) WITH THE CIA. UNLIKE FIRST BROADCAST,
THIS ONE WAS ADVERTISED IN REGULAR WEEKLY TELEVISION PROGRAMS
AS WELL AS BEING ANNOUNCED ON EARLIER-IN-THE-WEEK RADIO AND
TELEVISITON PROGRAMS.

2. AT ONE POINT IN BROADCAST, TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PAO'S RESIDENCE,
WHERE THE ALLEGED ESPIONAGE AGENT, WARNER DWELLED, WAS SHOWN ON
TELEVISION SCREEN. IT WAS ONLY CLEAR TEXT OF ALL DOCUMENTS SHOWN.
IMMEDIATELY AFTER TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS SHOWN, THE PAO'S PHONE
BEGAN TO RING, AND IT CONTINUED TO RING DAY AND NIGHT THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 11. SOME OF THE CALLS WERE CLEARLY ORDINARY
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CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS WHO WERE CURIOUS TO SEE WHOM THEY
COULD REACH AT THE SHOWN NUMBER, BUT THE MAJORITY OF CALLS
APPEARED TO BE PLANNED.

3. AMBASSADOR IN ROUTINE CALL ON SEPTEMBER 11 UPON DEPUTY
MINISTER MFA, MECISLAV JABLONSKY, PROTESTED HARASSING
TELEPHONE CALLS MADE TO PAO RESIDENCE.

4. IN ADDITION TO JIRI GANZ, AS REPORTED IN THE REFERENCED CABLE, OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE PROGRAM AS HAVING BEEN SEDUCED BY VOA BROADCASTING. ONE OF THESE WAS INTRODUCED AS ZDENEK MACKU, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND TO HAVE WORKED FOR VOA, HE CLAIMS UNDER THE PSEUDONYM OF JACKYM. (A FULL TRANSLATION OF THE BROADCAST SCRIPT IS BEING SENT VIA AIR POUCH).

5. IN A RELATED INCIDENT, JAROSLAV ZANTOVSKY, HEAD OF MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT, JOKINGLY TOLD PAO DURING A CONVERSATION EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 11, THAT HE (PAO) WAS GETTING GOOD PUBLICITY, AND THAT WHILE NOW ONLY APARTMENT WAS BEING SHOWN ON TELEVISION, PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE, THE PAO HIMSELF WOULD BE SEEN ON THE TV SCRREN. THE PAO REPLIED THAT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE ON SUCH AS OCCASION AS THE SIGNING OF THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, AT WHICH ZANTOVSKY PROPOSED TO DROP SUBJECT AND MAKE A TOAST TO AN IMPROVEMENT IN CULTURAL COOPERATION.

6. DECONTROL AFTER 4 YEARS.

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